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Changes Benefiting Shreveport's Airports



Reverend Joe Gant is Chairman of the Shreveport Airport Authority

The winds of change are sweeping across Shreveport's airports.

The winds are bringing many good changes that have the Airport Authority, its staff and the many customers at both airports all looking forward to good things to come.

The entrance of our new Mayor, the Honorable Cedric B. Glover, led the way for many of the positive changes the Airport

Authority is experiencing. Mayor Glover hit the ground running in ways to help both Shreveport Downtown Airport and Shreveport Regional.

Barely a half year into his first year in office, Mayor Glover has already hosted a celebration for Jimmy Walker at Downtown Airport, cut the ribbon for American Eagle's Chicago service, and assisted in numerous projects at both airports. The Mayor's guidance and assistance are much appreciated.

More recently, Mayor Glover requested Mr. Keith Gamble to serve on the Airport Authority Board of Directors. Mr. Gamble has been an aviation enthusiast since 1985. As a successful businessman who also understands aviation, Mr. Gamble is a great addition to the Airport Authority board and I want to welcome him.

More changes are coming to the Northwest corner of Shreveport Regional Airport. In recent months, a new roadway system has been completed that leads to the future home of two air cargo buildings. The architects are already half finished on the construction documents for this project and keeping to the schedule to have this project ready to bid this Fall.

Changes to the airline industry may also help Shreveport. Our new Mayor is taking a very proactive role in working with the Authority to look at all avenues for increased airline service, including more flights to existing routes, new connections and any potential option for new airlines.

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Air Cargo Expanding in Shreveport



FedEx began serving Shreveport Regional with an Airbus A-310 series aircraft in late June. The aircraft provides heavier lift capability from Shreveport.

Air cargo at Shreveport Regional Airport is seeing some big changes.

The first big change weighs more than 300,000 pounds. It's called an Airbus A310 series aircraft. FedEx Express began operating an Airbus in Shreveport in late June 2007, becoming the second air cargo company at the airport to operate an Airbus. United Parcel Service began serving the airport in July 2006 with an A-300.

The Airbus aircraft allow for additional heavy freight to be shipped in and out of the airport and provide for more flexibility in the types of air cargo shipments for this region. The Airbuses are also quieter and more efficient than the Boeing 727s they replace.

The second big change that is coming is the relocation of scheduled air cargo to the northwest corner of the airport. A new perimeter road was completed in Spring 2007 that will lead from Hollywood Avenue up to the new cargo buildings now under design.

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We are also seeing development occurring at both airfields ranging from new hangar construction to potentially new warehouse facilities. All of this helps both the airports and the community.

I am looking forward to the rest of the year as Chairman of the Airport Authority. I am also looking forward to the many positive changes that are just ahead for all of us.

Sincerely,

Reverend Joe R. Gant,
Chairman, Shreveport Airport Authority

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Once completed, the buildings will house airport customers such as DHL, FedEx, Integrated Airline Services, UPS and the United States Postal Service. The new buildings will also allow companies such as FedEx the opportunity to consolidate their operations into one building and operate more efficiently.

Alliance Inc., the architect and engineering firm for the cargo project, is scheduled to have the new buildings' construction documents ready to bid in Fall 2007 with actual ground breaking occurring shortly thereafter.

Air cargo companies should be ready to relocate in late 2008.



This artist's rendering from Alliance Inc. depicts what the two new air cargo buildings at Shreveport Regional Airport will look like once completed in 2008.



The Shreveport Airport Authority recently remodeled the entrance into the QuickPark lot located north of the terminal building. The new entrance provides easier access for customers.



Charlie 3, one of the Shreveport Airport Authority's crash and rescue trucks, recently received major upgrades. The truck is equipped with a snozzle, a device attached to the boom that can penetrate an aircraft's fuselage and inject fire extinguishing agents into the cabin in order to save lives.

Strong Economy Is Benefiting Shreveport's Airports

The saying, "A rising tide lifts all boats" can be applied to many different aspects of life, including the local economy and Shreveport's airports.

Professionals in the aviation industry are quick to point out that the health of the national and local economies drive the amount of business at airports. If you doubt this theory, your skepticism can be erased by looking at what is now occurring at both of Shreveport's airports.

There are a lot of good things happening in our local economy. These good things are coming from many directions such as the new film industry, revived oil and gas industry, and long-time economic drivers such as Barksdale Air Force Base, General Motors and the health and medical industries. The growth is also occurring in the region that sends customers to Shreveport Regional, especially in East Texas.

A lot of investments are now occurring at both Shreveport Downtown Airport and Shreveport Regional Airport. Some of them include:

- **Hangars at Downtown Airport:** The Airport Authority staff is now working with seven different individuals interesting in building hangars at Downtown Airport. This is a record number of new hangar prospects for Downtown.
- **Hangars at Shreveport Regional Airport:** Three different groups have received approval to building private-use hangars at Shreveport Regional. Because of the renewed interest, the Airport Authority has invested in new lightpoles in the East General Aviation subdivision, as well as resizing lots, and road improvements.
- **Air Cargo Project:** The Airport Authority recently received the 50 percent drawings for the new air cargo facilities located on the Northwest corner of Shreveport Regional. The project will go to bid this Fall in order to stay on its December 2008 completion date.
- **Warehouse Park:** The Airport Authority is working with a major tenant to develop a 100,000-square-foot warehouse on the northwest corner of Shreveport Regional. If all moves forward on this deal, the airport will receive another anchor tenant in its new air cargo/warehouse park.
- **Chicago Service:** American Eagle's new Chicago flight has continued to grow in passenger volume. American's investment of a Regional Jet to serve this route from Shreveport speaks well of the airline's commitment to Shreveport. In May, the airline boarded nearly 10,400 passengers in Shreveport.
- **Film Industry:** The Airport Authority is continuing to work with several film companies looking at both airports to produce major productions. Besides the economic benefit of the film companies at the airport, the industry is increasingly bringing more passengers from the West Coast to Shreveport.

As you can tell, the rising local economic tide is lifting both airports. I look forward to seeing both of Shreveport's Airports ride the latest wave of progress for our great community and region.

Roy Miller

Roy H. Miller, Jr., A.A.E.
Director of Airports



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American Eagle Airlines Adds New Service From Shreveport To Chicago

Chicago's museums, sporting events and restaurants are now only two hours away for travelers from Shreveport Regional Airport.

American Eagle, the regional affiliate of American Airlines, began nonstop service between Chicago O'Hare International Airport and Shreveport Regional Airport on April 10. To celebrate, the Shreveport Airport Authority hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony with American Eagle, Shreveport Mayor Cedric B. Glover, Bossier City Mayor Lo Walker and other community leaders.

"The City of Shreveport is excited and appreciates American Eagle investing in a new nonstop flight to Chicago because it opens a new gateway to the world throughout the United States and internationally," said Mayor Glover. "We ask the community and the region to support this new hub connection so that we can continue to work with American and add more flights in the future."

"This Chicago connection opens the City of Shreveport and the Ark-La-Tex Region to the world," said The Reverend Joe Gant, Chairman of the Shreveport



American Eagle Airlines joined Shreveport Mayor Cedric B. Glover and the Shreveport Airport Authority on April 10 to cut the ribbon on the airline's new direct flight to Chicago. Pictured from left are Ted Roberts, Reverend Joe Gant, Bossier City Mayor Lo Walker, Shreveport Mayor Cedric Glover, American Eagle Manager Brian Smith, Airports Director Roy H. Miller, Jr., and Raymond Alley.

Airport Authority. "Chicago O'Hare is a key hub connection for American Airlines and one that we have been working to acquire for a long, long time. Our hard

work and dedication have paid off."

American Eagle also has 10 daily nonstop flights from Shreveport to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.



Students from Balenstine Hopkins Headstart Center chose Shreveport Regional Airport for a recent field trip. After meeting many of the employees who keep the airport operating daily, the children learned about how aircraft fly. For information on field trips, contact Angela Tappe at 673-5370.



The Airport Authority is investing in upgrading the General Aviation Corporate Subdivision located on the East side of Shreveport Regional Airport. The Authority recently had AEP-Swepco install new lightpoles throughout the subdivision. In addition, the roadway is being improved, and the lots resized to accommodate large new private hangars.

Camp Tiger



Wyche Coleman brought the kids from LSU's Camp Tiger to Downtown Airport in late May to learn about aircraft. Wyche even provided tours of his Cessna to the children.

Bonanza Fly-In



The Southwest Bonanza Society selected Shreveport Downtown Airport as the site for a fly-in event. More than 25 people participated in the event by flying their Bonanzas to Shreveport from throughout the region.

A Lot is Happening at Downtown Airport



Jerry McKinney

A lot of good things are happening at the Downtown Airport.

An annual event that always gets the summer off to the right start is done by one of our tenants at the Downtown Airport, Wyche Coleman. Wyche brings LSU's Camp Tiger Kids here for a fun day every year.

Wyche brought the kids back May 31. Besides getting their very own toy wooden airplanes, the kids received a personalized tour of Wyche's Cessna 150. All the kids had a great time. Thanks, Wyche.

Taxiway Foxtrot and Taxiway Charlie will be undergoing renovations in the very near future. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, there will be a series of meetings to help keep Downtown Airport customers informed. We are looking forward to getting this project started.

A survey was done a few weeks ago for the development of a Wide Area Augmentation System, better known as WAAS Approach. The WAAS system improves the accuracy, availability, reliability, and integrity of the GPS signal. GPS-WAAS can be used as the sole means of navigation in all flight phases, including vertical guidance on most non-precision GPS instrument approaches.

More exciting news: There should soon be seven brand new hangars constructed at Downtown. The airport is definitely growing in leaps and bounds. We are very happy to have these folks joining us at the Airport.

In April of this year, the Airport Manager's office moved to the north end of Downtown Airport terminal. The new location provides a view to the ramp and the airfield, which is a tremendous help in managing the airport.

I am sad to say that Mr. Bill Hildebrand, Royal Air's Director of Operations, has accepted a position with the FAA. He will be the check pilot for American Airlines in Dallas, Texas. The Downtown Airport staff wishes him well in his new endeavor and will definitely miss him because of his many efforts to assist at the Downtown Airport.

Please do not forget the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and their important mission. Usually on the fourth Saturday of each month, the EAA has a Fly-In at the Downtown Airport. You can see a lot of people you haven't seen in a long time and/or meet some wonderful people for the first time ... and, grab a bite to eat.

Finally, our Downtown Airport Manager's secretary, Sandra Dieter-Roach, is now Sandra Courtney. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Courtney as they begin their new life together as husband and wife.

Well, until next time, hope you and yours have a safe and happy summer! And, we hope to see you soon...

Jerry McKinney, A.A.E., is manager of Shreveport Downtown Airport

HONORS

Keith Gamble Appointed to Airport Authority Board



Mr. Keith Gamble, a Shreveport businessman, was sworn in as an Airport Authority board member by Roy H. Miller, Jr. at the June 2007 meeting.

Shreveport Mayor Cedric B. Glover has named Mr. Keith Gamble to the Shreveport Airport Authority board of directors.

A Shreveport native, he is vice president of Gamble Guest Care Corporation of Shreveport, and is a member of Sunrise Hospitality, a Shreveport-based hotel company. He is a member of the Louisiana Nursing Home Association and presently serves on the board of Goodwill Industries of Northwest Louisiana. He is a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church of Shreveport.

"I have been a private pilot since 1985 and hope my experience with General Aviation will help to serve on the board," said Mr. Gamble.

He is married to Maureen Gamble. They have one son: Walker.

The Shreveport Airport Authority consists of a five-person voluntary board appointed by the mayor of Shreveport to serve on five-year terms. The Airport Authority oversees the operations of both Shreveport Regional Airport and the Shreveport Downtown Airport. Mr. Gamble fills the vacant board member position vacated by Mr. Howard Malpass.

Howard Malpass Recognized for Service On SAA Board



The Shreveport Airport Authority recognized Wm. Howard Malpass at the May 2007 board meeting. Mr. Malpass was recognized for his service on the Airport Authority board, including serving as Chairman. Pictured from left to right are Chairman Reverend Joe Gant, Mr. Malpass, and Roy H. Miller, Jr., A.A.E., Director of Airports.

Airport, Allegiant Air Receives PRIDE Award

Allegiant Airlines and the Shreveport Airport Authority were recognized by the Shreveport Convention & Tourism Bureau at the organization's annual PRIDE Awards (Proud Residents Involved in Developing the Economy) Luncheon.

This prestigious award allows the bureau to recognize excellence in the hospitality and tourism industry. The 2007 P.R.I.D.E. Awards Banquet was held Thursday, May 17, 2007, at Diamond Jacks Casino & Hotel.

Allegiant Air began service at Shreveport Regional Airport in January 2006 providing twice weekly service to Las Vegas. In November 2006, the airline began service to Orlando Sanford International Airport, and in June, added a third flight to Las Vegas route.



Pictured from left to right are Shreveport Airport Authority Board Member Raymond Alley, Airports Director Roy H. Miller, Jr., A.A.E.; Assistant Secretary of Tourism for Louisiana Chuck Morse; Tourism Bureau President Stacy Brown; and Airport Authority Marketing Manager Bill Cooksey.

EMPLOYEE NEWS

Warren Henry Retiring From Airport Operations

The Shreveport Airport Authority is looking to fill some big shoes.

Mr. Warren Henry, Superintendent of Operations, is retiring from the Shreveport Airport Authority effective July 31, 2007.

In his role at the Airport Authority, Mr. Henry started as a safety specialist before being promoted to Superintendent in 1998. In this role, he was responsible for airside safety and compliance. During his tenure, Shreveport Regional Airport received the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Safety Award. The award is given to one out of nearly 400 airports each year and is based on the airport's safety performance for that year.

Mr. Henry has served with the Airport Authority for 10 years, and has been involved in the aviation industry for more than 40 years. Prior to joining the Airport Authority, he retired from Delta Air Lines in Shreveport as Supervisor of Airport Services. Mr. Henry also worked in the travel industry and served eight years with the U.S. Air Force.

"Warren has proven himself as a key person in the Airport Authority's team," said Roy H. Miller, Jr., A.A.E., Director of Airports. "Besides managing an outstanding operations team that is recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration, Warren has repeatedly stepped in to assist on special projects. We truly wish him a happy retirement."

Mr. Henry said he plans to do a lot of traveling and spending time with his eight grandchildren and wife Gracie.



Dillard Lee Recognized by Airport Authority

Shreveport Regional Airport and the Shreveport Airport Authority recently lost a long-time friend and ally.

Mr. Dillard Lee, formerly the manager at Airport Group International, passed away May 13 after a short illness. Dillard was well known at the airport for his efforts in managing several air cargo and freight forwarding companies at the airport for more than 24 years.

Additionally, Mr. Lee helped coordinate many air charter flights into the airport, ranging from Independence Bowl football team charters, to gambling charter flights, and college football team charters from throughout the region. His company also provided repairs to ground support equipment at the airport and even lent a hand with one of the oversized forklifts when Airport Authority staff needed something moved at the airport.

"Dillard was a true friend to everyone at the airport," said Roy H. Miller, Jr., Director of Airports. "We knew we could always count on Dillard to help us with anything from air charters, to advice on developing air cargo, to something as simple as talking to children at a field trip at the airport. His family and friends have been in our thoughts and prayers."

Dillard is survived by his wife Cathy Lee, along with three daughters and six grandchildren, and his mother, Henrietta Lee.

In addition, a Resolution was prepared for the Shreveport Airport Authority at the July 2007 in Mr. Lee's honor.



Employee Profile: Debra Bradberry of Red River Sanitors

Keeping the airport clean is a career that Debra Bradberry knows well.

Debra has been a dedicated employee of Red River Sanitors for 15 years and is assigned to Shreveport Regional Airport. She supervises five employees who, along with her, keep the airport clean during the day shift.

Her efforts have been well noticed. The airport has repeatedly been complimented by travelers, including several Hollywood stars, who have said Shreveport Regional is the cleanest airport they have seen.

To make sure Shreveport Regional stays clean, Debra has even been seen working for seven days straight on several occasions. She also works as a custodial staff member at the Caddo Parish School Board. Ms. Bradberry has been with the school board for 19 years.

Debra has two children; Travis, 27; and Latashia 30; and three grandchildren.

In her "spare time" she enjoys going to the movies.



The Movie "Better Man" Turns Shreveport into LAX



The film "The Better Man," starring Martin Lawrence filmed at Shreveport Regional Airport in Spring 2007. Shreveport Regional doubled as both Los Angeles and Augusta, Ga.



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